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Yolo County Supervisor, First District

Board of Supervisors

Mr. Steve Heminger
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Metropolitan Transportation Commission
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Dear Mr. Heminger,


I am pleased to write a letter of support for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) as the applicant, and Delta Protection Commission (DPC) as the sub-recipient, for a FY 2008-2009 Partnership Planning Grant application to the California Department of Transportation, for The Great California Delta Trail Collaborative Planning Process.

I am an enthusiastic participant in the collaborative planning process for the Delta Trail which is described in the application. I support the broadly inclusive approach to the planning process and will be pleased to be a part of an important effort that spans the five delta counties (Contra Costa, Solano, Yolo, Sacramento and San Joaquin), eleven cities, legacy towns in the Delta, and three Caltrans Districts (Districts 3, 4 and 10).

The State Legislature and the Governor deemed The Great California Delta Trail of statewide recreational and transportation significance when it passed legislation (SB 1556, Torlakson) and the Governor signed it into law January 1, 2007, mandating the Delta Protection Commission to complete a feasibility study and to develop a plan for the establishment of a trail network through the 5 delta counties. What impresses me most about the legislation and the Partnership Planning Grant application is the commitment to a very broad, collaborative planning process which will ensure that hundreds of organizations and the public will be meaningfully involved, providing the best possible outcome for development of the trail in a cost-effective and timely manner.

I give my full support to this grant application and looks forward to becoming involved in the Great California Delta Trail planning process which will be enabled through this grant.

Sincerely,


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Yolo County Supervisor

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